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SUBJECT: PROLONGATION OF THE EC SUSPENSION OF BEEF IMPORTS

1. SUMMARY: LARNDINOIS HAS TOLD THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND TWO
EC COUNCILS HE INTENDS TO EXTEND THE EC BAN ON BEEF IMPORTS
BEYOND OCTOBER 31. THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE THIS ACTION

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ON ITS OWN RATHER THAN REFER IT TO THE COUNCIL. HOWEVER, GUNDEL-

ACH BELIEVES THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES, THE EC MAY BE ABLE TO TERMINATE THE IMPORT EMBARGO LATER THIS YEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. LARDINOIS TOLD THE SPECIAL EC PARLIAMENT ON SEPTEMBER 16 THAT THE EC IMPORT BAN WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTENDED BEYOND ITS OCTOBER 31 DEADLINE.

3. DURING A RESTRICTED SESSION OF THE EC COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SEPTEMBER 17 THE DUTCH ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR CABINET HAD VOTED TO OPPOSE ANY EXTENSION OF THE BEEF IMPORT EMBARGO. THE UNITED KINGDOM SAID THAT NO MATTER HOW THE ISSUE WAS STEELED SOME ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO TAKE CARE OF THE CONCERNS OF SWAZILAND AND BOTSWANA. LARDINOIS REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO ABOLISH THE EMBARGO BEFORE NOVEMBER 30. THE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD CONSULT WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES AND THEN DECIDE ON ITS PROPOSALS.

4. AFTER THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' COUNCIL GUNDELACH TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD THAT THE COMMISSION HAS IN MIND CONSULTING WITH THE PRODUCERS, REACHING SOME SORT OF UNDERSTANDING ON RESTRAINT IN SHIPMENTS AND THEN PROPOSING THAT THE EMBARGO BE TERMINATED ON DECEMBER 1. GUNDELACH ADDED THAT THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM FOR THE COMMUNITY STEMMED FROM IMPORTS OF BEEF AND EASTERN EUROPE, SOME OF WHICH WERE ENTERING VIA YUGOSLAVIA AND EAST GERMANY. HE THOUGHT THIS PARTICULARLY IRONIC IN THE LIGHT OF SUBSIDIZED EC SALES TO THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

5. ON SEPTEMBER 17 A GROUP OF ELEVEN MEAT-EXPORTING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, YUGOSLAVIA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, ARGENTINA, HUNGARY, ROMANIA AND POLAND DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT ORTOLI OF THE COMMISSION A PROTEST OVER THE IMPORT BAN. WE UNDERSTAND FROM A PERMDEL SOURCE THAT ORTOLI GAVE THE GROUP A RELATIVELY COOL RECEPTION.

6. WHEN THE ISSUE CAME UP IN THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 18 (SEE SEPTEL) COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS REITER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATED HIS PREVIOUS POSITION; NAMELY, THAT THE BAN MUST BE PROLONGED AFTER OCTOBER 31. A SPOKESMAN FROM HIS OFFICE TOLD A MISSION OFFICER THAT THE COMMISSION ITSELF MAY DECIDE HOW LONG TO CONTINUE THE BAN, RATHER THAN ASK FOR A COUNCIL DECISION. THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT IT HAS THE LEGAL RIGHT TO MAKE AND ENFORCE ITS OWN DETERMINATION UNDER THE QUALIFIED MAJORITY PROCEDURES OF ITS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. LARDINOIS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE WAS

CURRENTLY DISCUSSING THE ISSUE WITH THE BEEF-EXPORTING COUNTRIES. DURING THE COUNCIL DISCUSSION, THE UK, THE NETHERLANDS, AND FRG SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY MEMBERS OPPOSED TO A PROOLONGATION OF THE EMBARGO.

7. THE LOCAL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD THAT HE IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE COMMUNITY'S REVOKING THE EMBARGO. HE IS AFRAID THAT THE COMMISSION WILL USE THE TACTIC OF TALKING WITH THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES AS A STALL AND WILL CLAIM THAT LACK OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES WILL FORCE THE COMMUNITY TO DELAY SUSPENDING THE EMBARGO. GREENWALD

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